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REHEARSAL.

1. An Answer (once for all) to a long-Labour'd Prejudice that has been often Insinuated against this Paper, as if it were Wrote upon a Mercenary Account.
2. An Answer to the Flying-Post, as if it were Intended to Obstruct the Union.
3. The Flying-Post's Comment upon the Banishing Proclamation Examined with the Review's Interpretation of the Toleration.

SATURDAY, April 20. 1706.

Country-man. I Have good News to tell you, Master.

Rehearsal. What is that, Country-man.

(1.) Country-m. That you are grown very Rich, and have large Contributions all over the Kingdom. This the Observators, Reviews, &c. have Trumpeted aloud. And I have heard it Talk'd of in several Companies. And I said I was Glad to hear it. And if it were so, where was the Crime?

Rehearsal. But if it was not so, the Prejudice Intended was very visible. These men suppos'd the Circumstances of whom they Guess'd for the Author of this Paper were such, that such a Report wou'd be no Great Kindness to him. Besides the Reflection of his Undertaking such an Uneasy Task, and to Bear all the Dirt he knew wou'd be thrown at him, upon a pure Mercenary account. This they thought wou'd Sully the Credit of this Paper, if it was believ'd that the Author wrote as They did. And they have been Repeating this over and over again ever since I began this Paper. This Oblig'd me, in Answer to all these Clamours, to Declare in mine Num. That as the Prospect of making any Advantage was no Part of my Design, so that I had no Contribution from any whatsoever towards it, nor had made a Penny of this Paper any manner of way. But this stop'd not the Objection, and it is Contin'd still to this Day.

Country-m. Therefore they come to Particulars. The Observer has frequently of late said; That you have Great Collections from the Universities. And the Review of last July 28, p. 255, says, This is like a Certain Gentleman's pretending to write GRATIS merely for the Good of that Church, and to Receive no Gratuity &c. On this Account, and a Certain Clergy-Man, near the County of DORSET, who own'd to have Collected near one hun-

der'd Pounds among the High-Church Gentry, to make him a Present for his good Service. And he Prefaces this with saying in the same Review, That he has often told you, his Pen is Listed in the Service of Truth; and that there shall be nothing but Truth, as near as he is able, in his Paper. Now wou'd not this make any body Believe him?

Rehearsal. I thought not. After his having been Detested in so many things very far from Truth, and his still standing out in them, when he cou'd make no Reply. Therefore tho' I saw this when it came out, I took no Notice of it. Especially Considering that it was no ways Material. For if I had Receiv'd such a Present from the High-Church-Gentry, as he Calls them, what was that to any Body? Nor cou'd it be Inferred from thence, That I undertook this Paper upon any such Prospect.

But since I am still Pursu'd by these Writers upon this Foot, I will now freely tell them, that if the Gentleman they Point at for the Author of this Paper, has Receiv'd such Collections from the High-Church-Gentry, or from Both or Either of the Universities, he is not the Author of this Paper. For he that Writes this never heard of the Clergy-Man near Dorsetshire, or of any Collection he had made, before he saw the Review in which it is Mention'd. Nor has he ever heard a word of it since. Nor knows of any such Collection made for him, either there, or any where else. Therefore Mr. De Foe since he Professes to write nothing but Truth, is bound in Justice to let me know who that Clergy-Man was, that I may look after my Money, and Prevent its being Paid to another, by mistake. For I am sure I have had none of it. But if the Gentleman for whom it was Design'd has got it, much Good may it do him. And let these Writers Guess again at the Author of this Paper, who will not tell them till he thinks fit. And Intends to trouble

trouble others no more with Apologies of this sort. It is a Dull piece of Stuff, and I am sorry I am Forc'd to it now again.

But it serves for this Purpose, to shew at what a Loose Rate these Men of Truth pick up Stories, and put them in Print, without any Concern! Of which I have given many more Instances than this.

Country-m. This is like their putting Mr. Stephens's Letter upon the High-Church. And then, after he was taken, making him a High-Church-Man. Of which you Promis'd to say some more to me, but were Diverted by the Banishing Proclamation from Scotland. Therefore I desire you wou'd go on with this.

(2.) Rehears. I must first say a word to the Flying-Post of Tuesday last, who wou'd Represent what I have said concerning the Banishing Proclamation as a Design to Obstruct the Treaty of Union now on foot.

But it is Clear otherwise. It was Design'd to Remove an Obstruction, and a Great one, against the Union, as if the Scots-r esbyterians, wou'd come to an Union upon no other Terms than the utter Extirpation of Episcopacy in Scotland, while the Dissenters Enjoy a Full and Free Toleration here. Therefore I propos'd that this Proclamation shou'd be Recall'd, in order to Facilitate the Union. For I hope none think, That the Church of England will not take as much Care of Episcopacy in Scotland, as of the Dissenters in England; And let 'em Enjoy equal Privileges. None with an Happy Union more than I do. I think it wou'd Strengthen the Crown, and be a great Benefit to both Nations. And I wish Ireland were Included too, and all the three Kingdoms Incorporated into One. So far am I from Opposing an Union.

(3.) But the Flying-Post wou'd turn this Proclamation to be nothing else but against Intruders into Churches. And he still maintains, notwithstanding all this, that the Episcopal Church in Scotland Enjoy not only a Toleration but Comprehension. For which he Quotes several Acts of Parliament, and some other Facts, which I shall take a time to Explain: But for the Present I refer to this Proclamation, and let every Man Judge whether there be no more in it than against Intruders into Churches? Is not any Exercise of the Ministerial Function forbidden within any Paroch that is, any Place within the Kingdom; And that under Pain of Banishment out of the Kingdom? And is not Episcopacy call'd a Schism against Presbytery? And that they will Prevent the Perpetuating it, by this Banishment? Do's the Flying-Post think that all his Rhetorick can Perswade Men they cannot Read? Are not the Bishops discharg'd by this Proclamation, as they will be Answerable upon their highest Peril, not to Grant any such warrant or Licence? That is, for any to Preach or Exercise any part of the Ministerial Function within this Church, or within any Kirk or Paroch thereof by vertue of any Au-

thority from the Bishops, since they were Ex-
auctorat. Is not this forbidding them to Or-
dain any more Presbyters? And is not the
Reason of this, that the Schism may not be
Perpetuated? Yet the Review of last Tuesday
the 16th. Argues again, that the Schism ought
to be Perpetuated to all Generations in En-
gland. And infers this from their Toleration,
which he says Includes the support of their
Academies, from Breeding new Preachers, and
the Ordaining them as they Grow up. Which
makes good the old Proverb, That if you give
some Men an INCH they will take an ELL.
Has not the Queen in her Speeches, from the
Throne Express'd her Sense of the Unhappiness
of those whose Education has led them from
the Church of England? And if in Charitable
Compliance with these, who cou'd not over-
come their long Rooted Prejudices, she Grants
them a Toleration; Is it to be Constru'd as
a Design to Entail that Unhappiness upon all
their Posterities? To Encourage and Cultivate
the Unhappy Schism, by Allowing them Aca-
demies for that Purpose, contrary to the Laws
of the Land; and of which there is not a
Syllable in the Act of Toleration? Can it be
the Intention of the Queen, that the Church of
England shou'd never be Free from Schism?
Can they be her Friends, who spread this A-
broad in Print? She now sees what Grate-
ful Returns she has from these Men, for all
the EXTRAORDINARY Favours she has
Heap'd upon them! They have taken all the
Pains they can, by such like Representations
as these, to Wean the Hearts of the Church
of England from her; as if every Indulgence
she Granted Them, were so far an Infraction
upon the Church of England, and Tending to
the Overthrow of its Constitution! For thus
they have Improv'd it. But they have not
been Able to Effect it. For the Church is Se-
cure of the Queen's good Intentions towards
them. They Grieve to see her Goodness so
Traduc'd. And Bear the Insults upon Them-
selves, with a MARVELOUS Patience! That
they may not Add to her Trouble.

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